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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF U.S. TUNA VESSELS

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM INDUSTRY SOURCES THAT 2
U.S. TUNA VESSELS HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY COSTA RICA. ONE
VESSEL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS "BOLD ADVENTURERS", OTHER
VESSEL AS "BOLD VENTURE." CANADIAN VESSEL WAS ALSO REPORT-
EDLY SEIZED. VESSELS WERE REPORTEDLY FISHING 15-20 MILES
OFF TOWN OR AREA CALLED GUIONES, SOME 40 MILES NORTH OF
PUNTERANUS, AND ARE BEING TAKEN TO PUNTERANUS. NUMBER OF
OTHER U.S. BOATS WHICH WERE ALSO FISHING IN AREA REPORTEDLY
SCATTERED WHEN COSTA RICAN PATROL CRAFT APPEARED. EMB-
ASSY AWARE THAT SEIZURES OF U.S. TUNA VESSELS GENERATE
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SEVERE LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEM SINCE U.S. DOES NOT
RECOGNIZE COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER TUNA AND, IN OUR
VIEW, U.S. VESSELS FISHING-IN THE AREA ARE DOING SO LEGALLY
AND IN CONFORMITY WITH AGREED IATTC CONSERVATION MEASURES,
TO WHICH COSTA RICANS ARE A PARTY.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM SEIZURE WITH GOCR AND TO

ASCERTAIN AS MANY FACTS AS POSSIBLE REGARDING SITUATION.
IF SEIZURES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, EMBASSY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO
ASSIST VESSEL AND CREW AND TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO EXPE-
DITE RELEASE. CHRISTOPHER

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